

T O R R A N C E

Press Release
Police Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Incident # 080088830

On December 23, 2008 at approximately 8:55 p.m., an Officer from the Torrance Police Department was participating in the South Bay Regional DUI Task Force and was working with an Officer from the El Segundo Police Department. They were in the area of Rosecrans Boulevard and the 405 Freeway, in the City of Hawthorne, when they monitored a broadcast of an armed robbery in progress at the T-Mobile store located at 5035 Rosecrans. They responded to the location and observed armed, masked gunmen in the location and further observed multiple victims lying on the floor.

The suspects ran from the store and into the parking lot where an officer involved shooting occurred, involving the Torrance officer. All three suspects were taken into custody at the location and there were no injuries to any citizens, the officers or the suspects. A weapon was recovered at the location.

The suspects were identified as:

Rakim Boyston, 28 yrs
Jeremiah Paul, 28 yrs
Joseff Gordon, 28 yrs

All three suspects have addresses in the City of Los Angeles.

The Hawthorne Police Department is conducting the investigation of the Robbery. The Officer Involved Shooting investigation is being conducted by the Torrance Police Department, Special Operations Bureau, under the command of Captain David Smith.

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